

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTABLE RESPONSE RESISTANCE PROJECT



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Use of Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Data Collection

Despite Fresno police officers routine use of verbal commands, and attempts to negotiate peaceful solutions when involved in adversarial situations, there are times when physical force is necessary to make an arrest, prevent an escape, overcome resistance, or defend against injury to officers or citizens. Officers use force as a last resort, with the vast majority of confrontations resolved with very little, if any, force applied. On rare occasions, deadly force must be used; however, the public is often unaware of the vast majority of potentially deadly confrontations that are peacefully resolved without resorting to deadly force.

Until recently, the Department had no method to determine the number of times officers used non-lethal means to resolve potentially lethal situations, losing critical information needed to illustrate this important fact.

Effective March 31, 2003, the Professional Standards Unit began reviewing police reports and other force data for comparative analysis and composite reporting. This information is used to determine effectiveness and necessity of the force used, reliability of equipment, training needs, policy modifications, etc.

The Department defines reportable force as any force when:

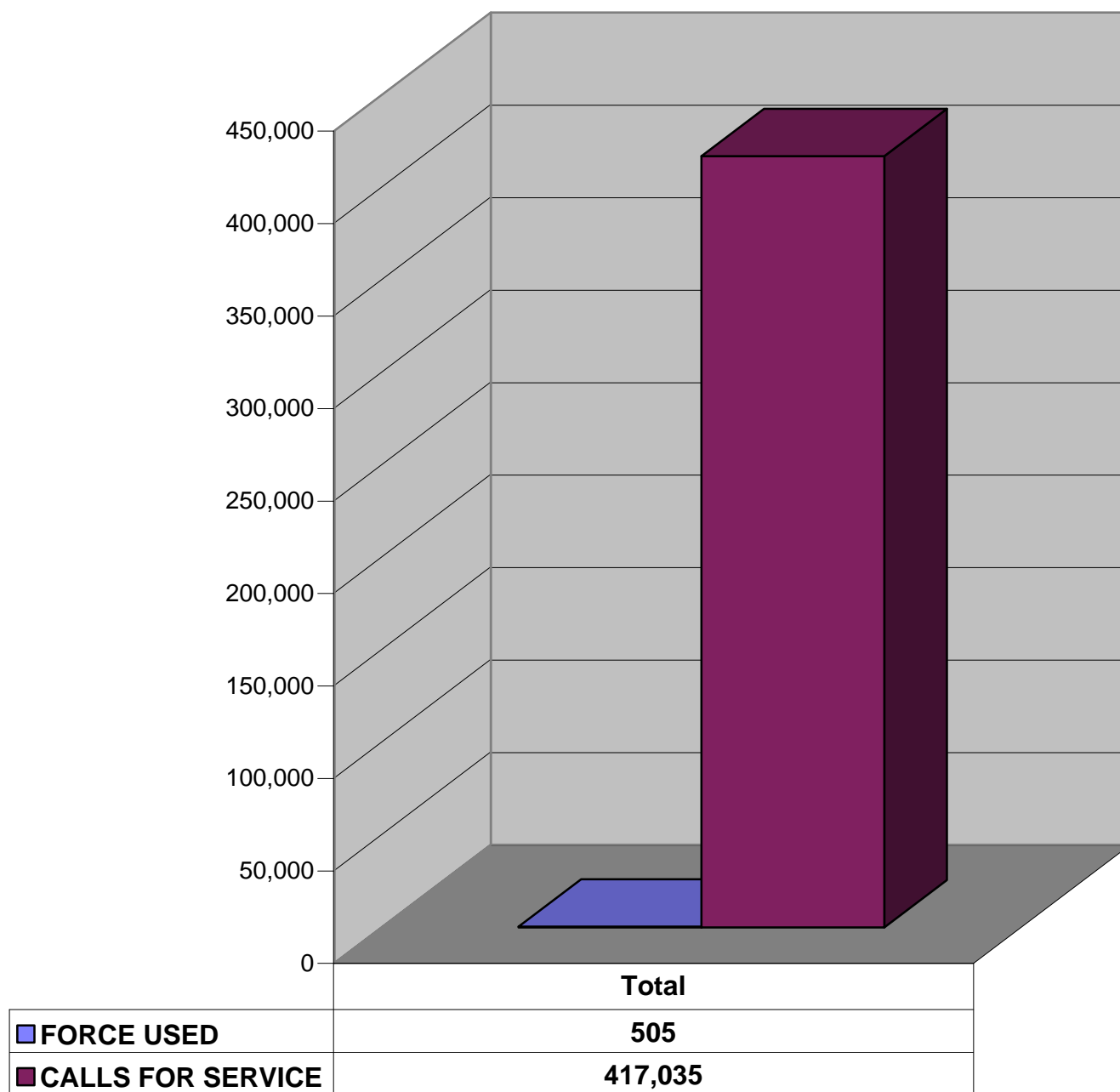
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or,
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e. fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e. flashlight, clipboard, etc); or,
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e. electronic immobilizing device, less-lethal impact projectile, chemical agents, baton, firearm, etc.).

Fresno police officers applied force in 505 incidents while responding to 417,035 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in one-sixth of one percent (0.12%) of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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Calls For Service (CFS) vs. Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Incidents



CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.12% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

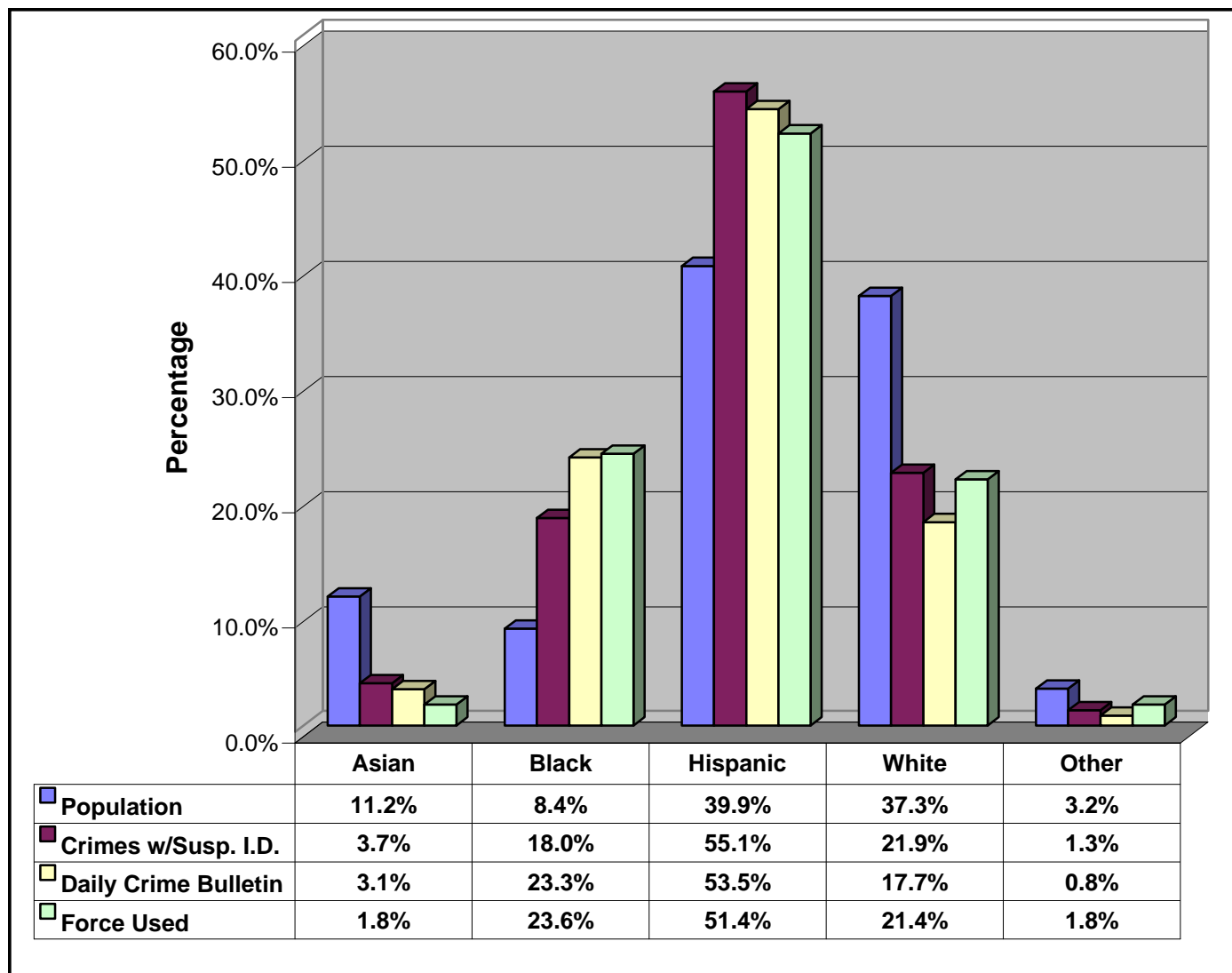
Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
City of Fresno Pop. (427,652)*	48,028	35,763	170,520	159,473	13,868
Percentage	11.2%	8.4%	39.9%	37.3%	3.2%
Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (61,552)	2,259	11,090	33,890	13,501	812
Percentage	3.7%	18.0%	55.1%	21.9%	1.3%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (1751)**	56	414	952	314	15
Percentage	3.1%	23.3%	53.5%	17.7%	0.8%
Force Applications (496)***	9	117	255	106	9
Percentage	1.8%	23.6%	51.4%	21.4%	1.8%

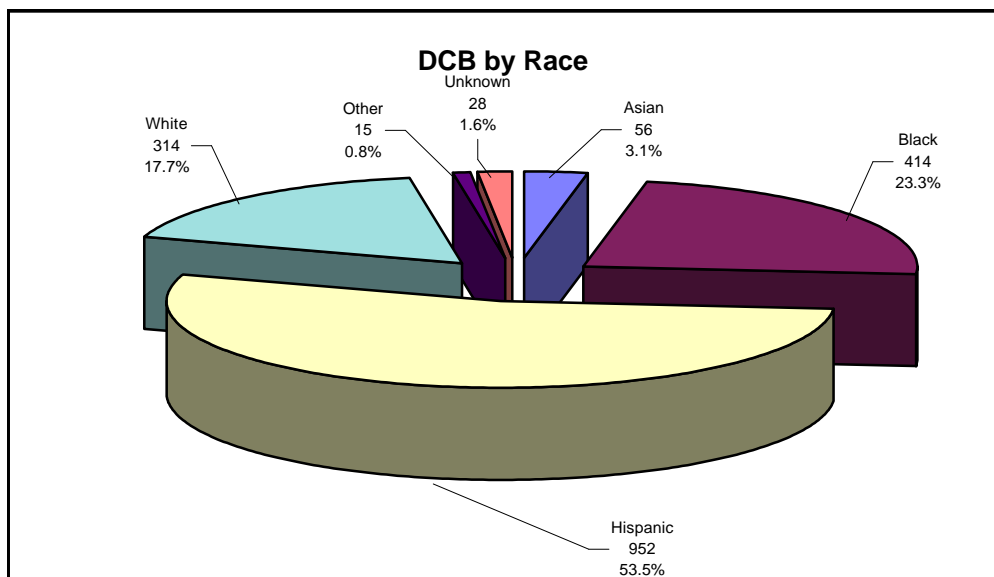
* 2000 Census

** 28 persons or 1.6% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 505 reportable force cases, 9 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 1779

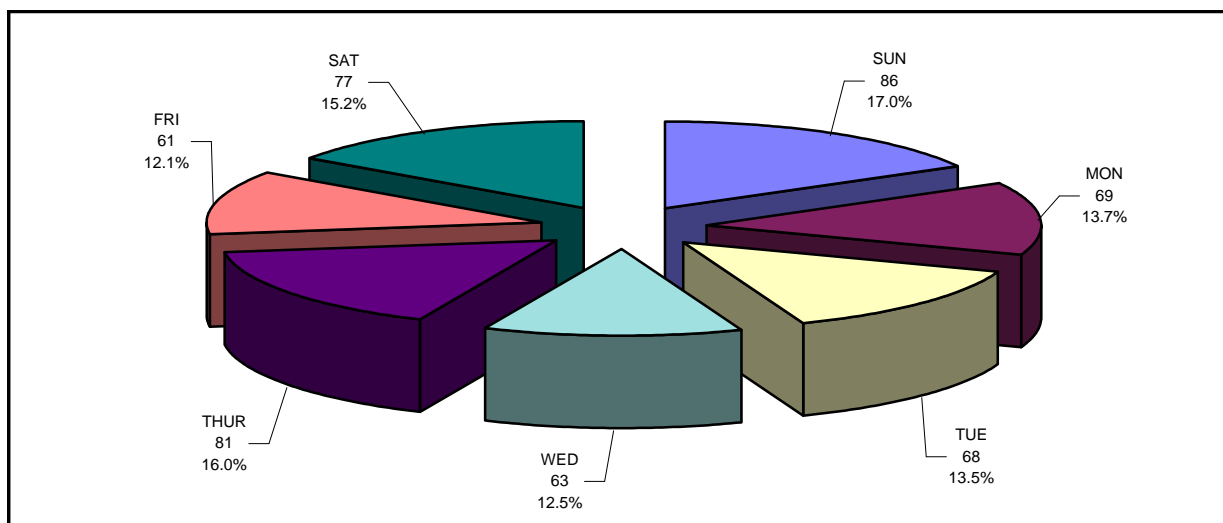


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	52.2%
	Black	-	22.7%
	White	-	21.0%
	Unknown	-	1.6%
	Asian	-	1.4%
	Other	-	1.0%

The Daily Crime Bulletin (DCB) is a restricted, law enforcement use only document, issued department wide to all sworn personnel and twelve other local/state agencies to assist in locating/arresting suspects and wanted persons. The DCB is issued seven days a week and typically contains the following information:

- 1) Felonies with known, at-large, suspects
- 2) Wanted parolees
- 3) Officer safety information (vehicle occupants in possession of firearms, possible armed subjects, etc.)

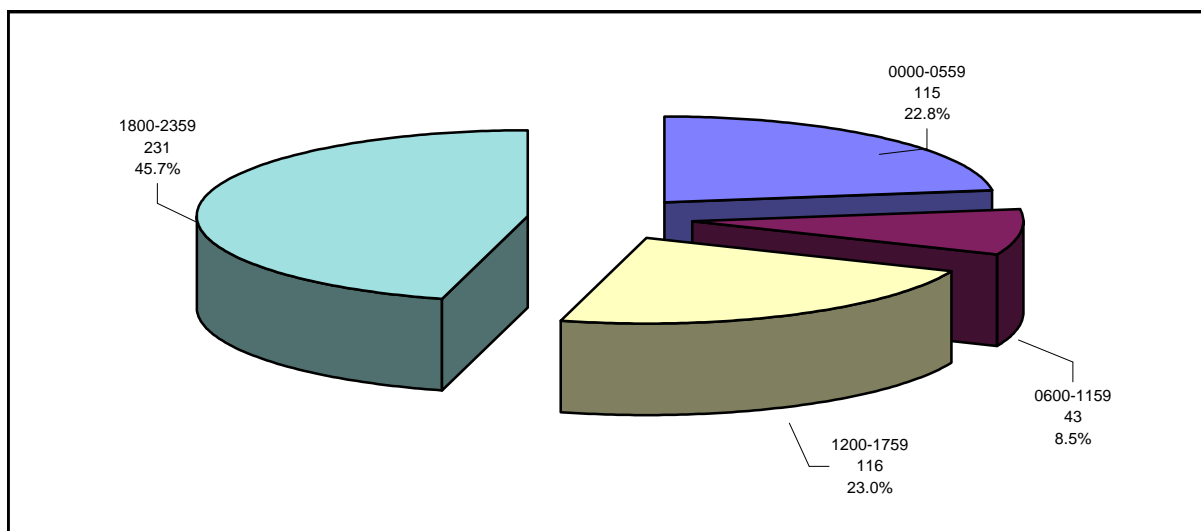
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Sunday	-	17.0%
Thursday	-	16.0%
Saturday	-	15.2%
Monday	-	13.7%
Tuesday	-	13.5%
Wednesday	-	12.5%
Friday	-	12.1%

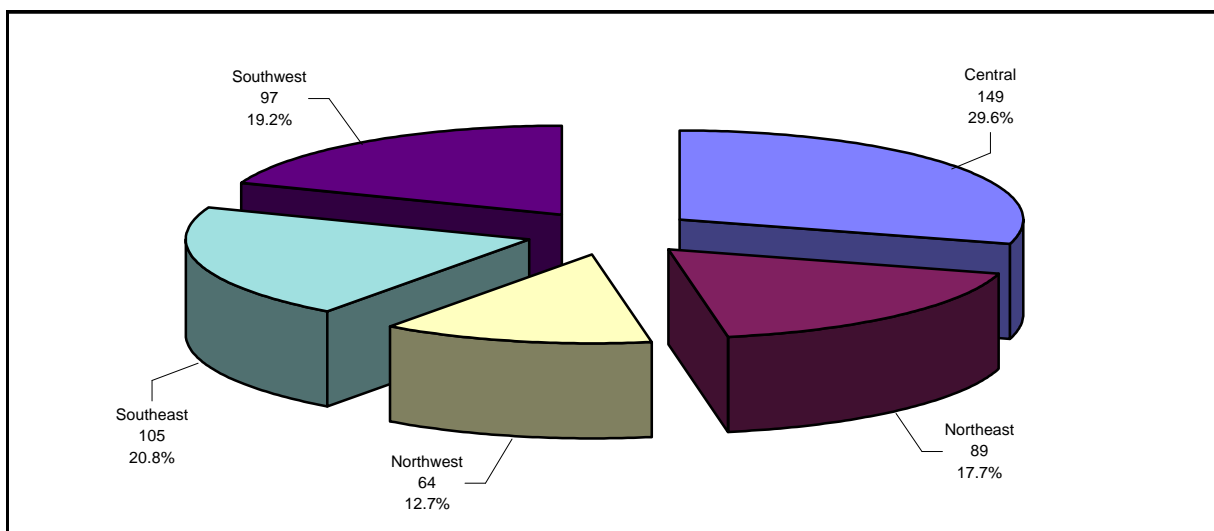
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	45.7%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	23.0%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	22.8%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	8.5%

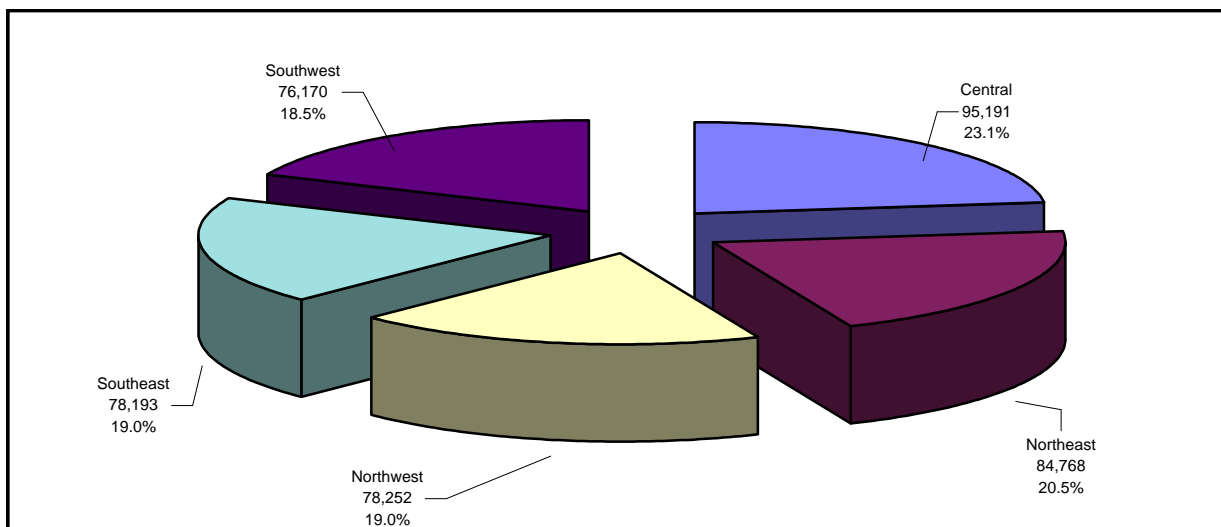
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 505 force incidents, 1 was not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Central	-	29.6%
	Southeast	-	20.8%
	Southwest	-	19.2%
	Northeast	-	17.7%
	Northwest	-	12.7%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*

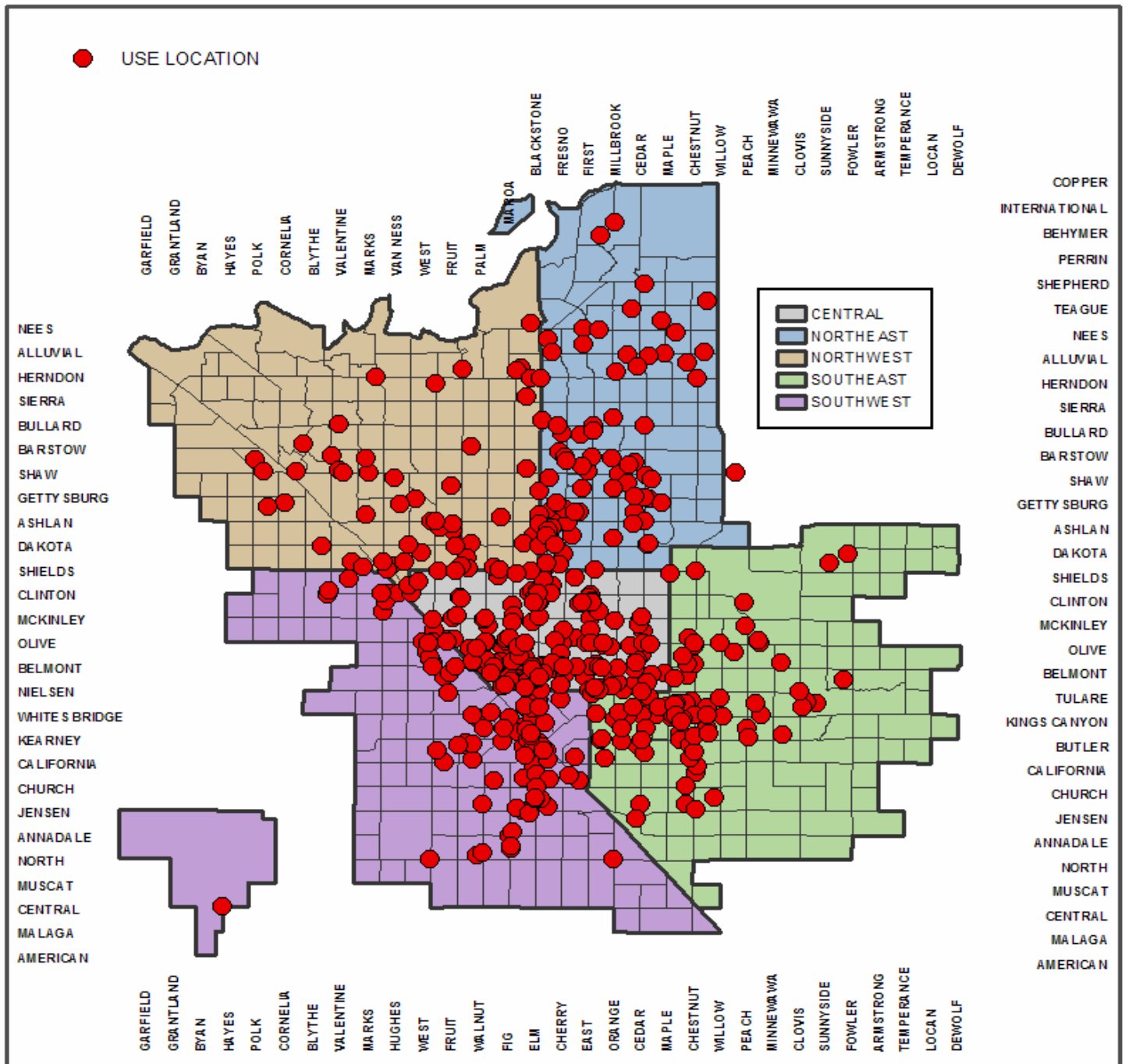


Of the 417,035 CFS, 4,461 were not assigned to a specific district.

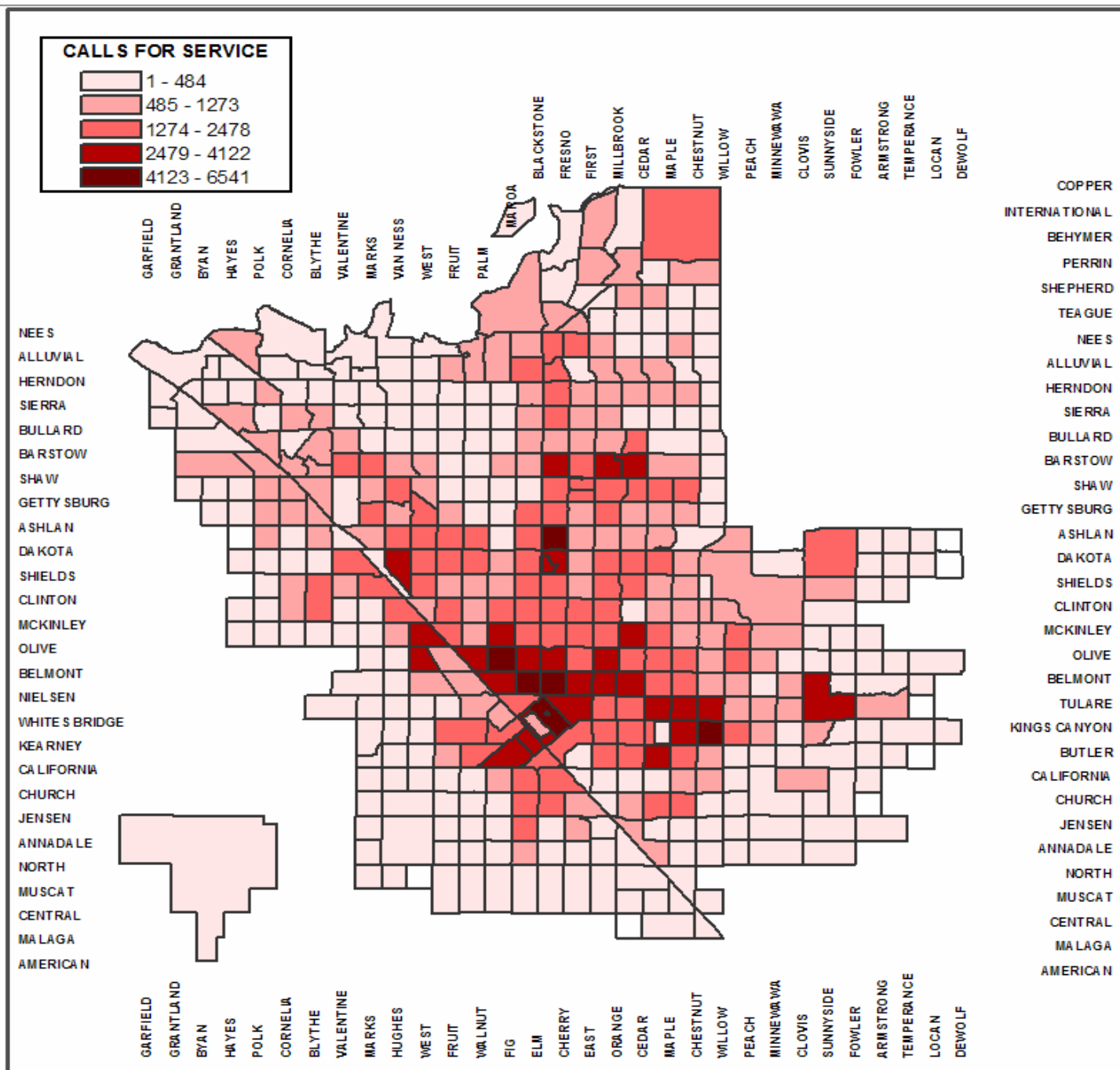
Order by District:	Central	-	23.1%
	Northeast	-	20.5%
	Northwest	-	19.0%
	Southeast	-	19.0%
	Southwest	-	18.5%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

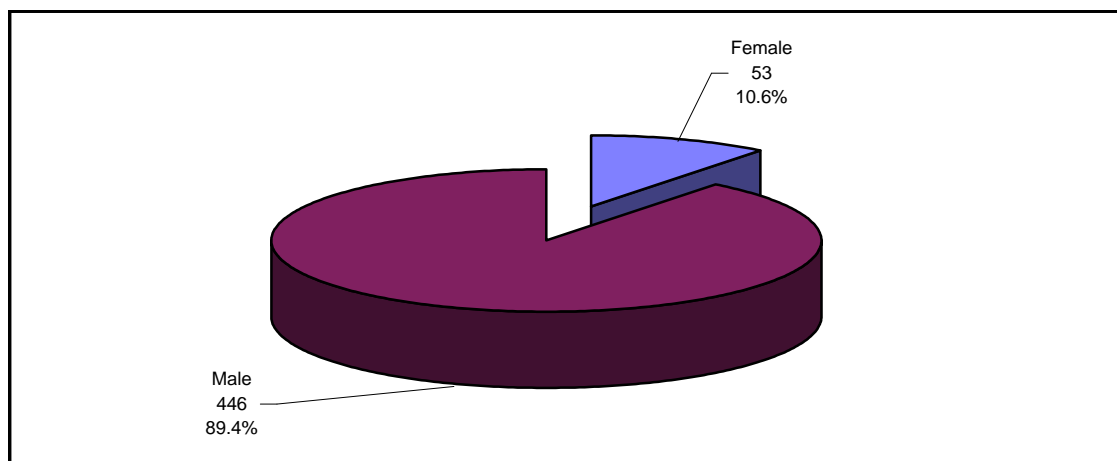
FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 505 force incidents, 6 had no gender data available.

REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	480	1,193	3,706	950	83	6,412
18-23	795	2,245	8,479	2,407	203	14,129
24-29	512	2,055	7,691	2,346	184	12,788
30-35	182	1,322	5,056	1,852	80	8,492
36-41	100	1,579	4,067	2,089	98	7,933
42-47	93	1,287	2,612	1,982	84	6,058
48-53	42	925	1,471	1,100	45	3,583
54-59	34	353	527	487	22	1,423
60-65	16	87	178	177	7	465
66 and Over	5	44	103	111	6	269
Total	2,259	11,090	33,890	13,501	812	61,552

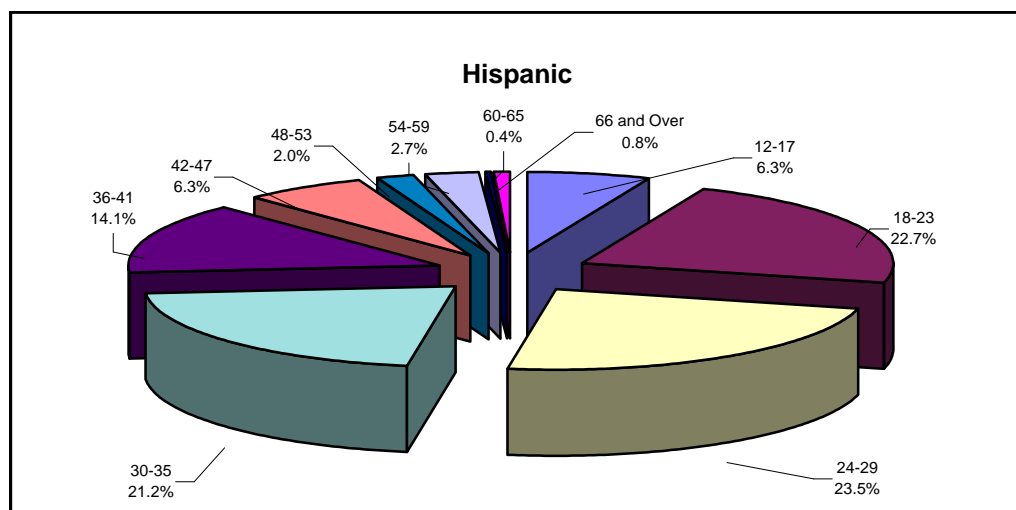
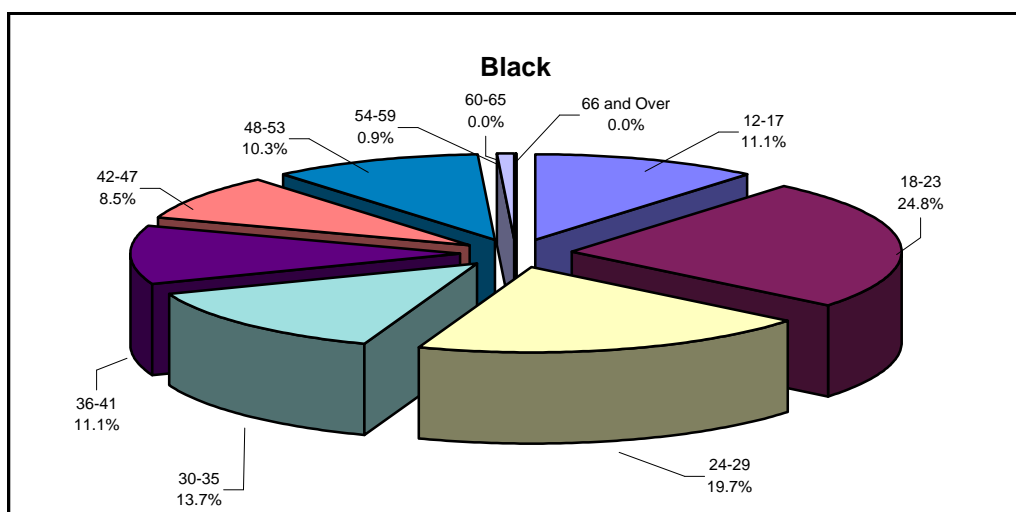
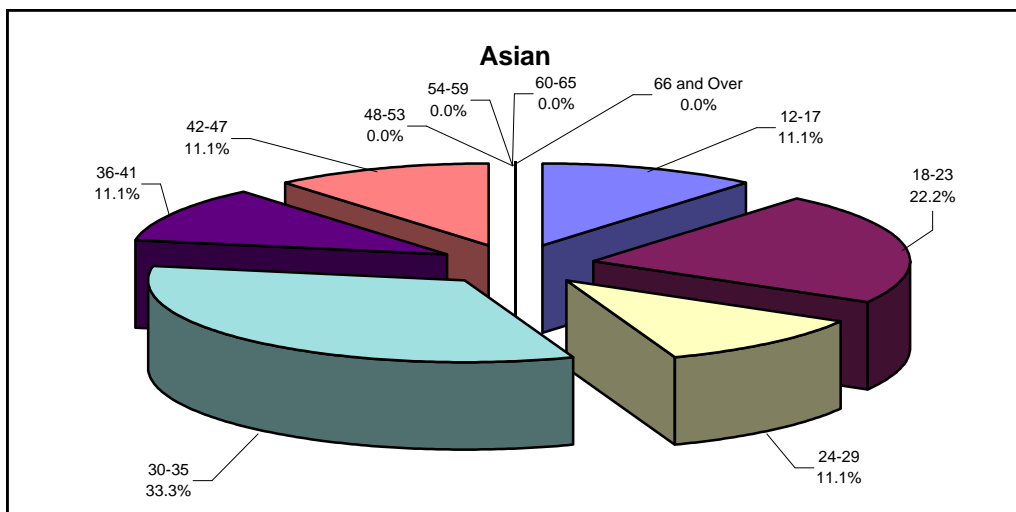
Of the 61,995 reported crime suspects, 61,552 had both age and race data.

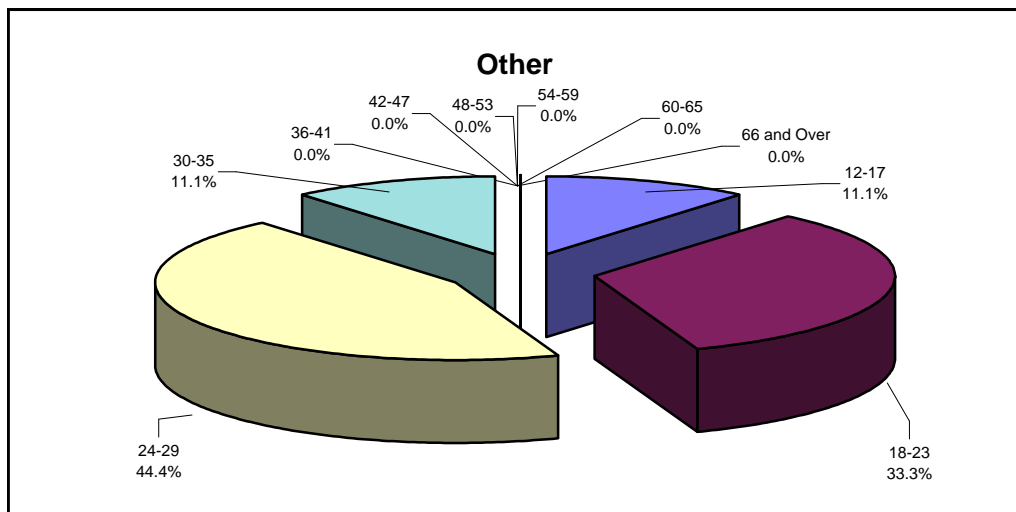
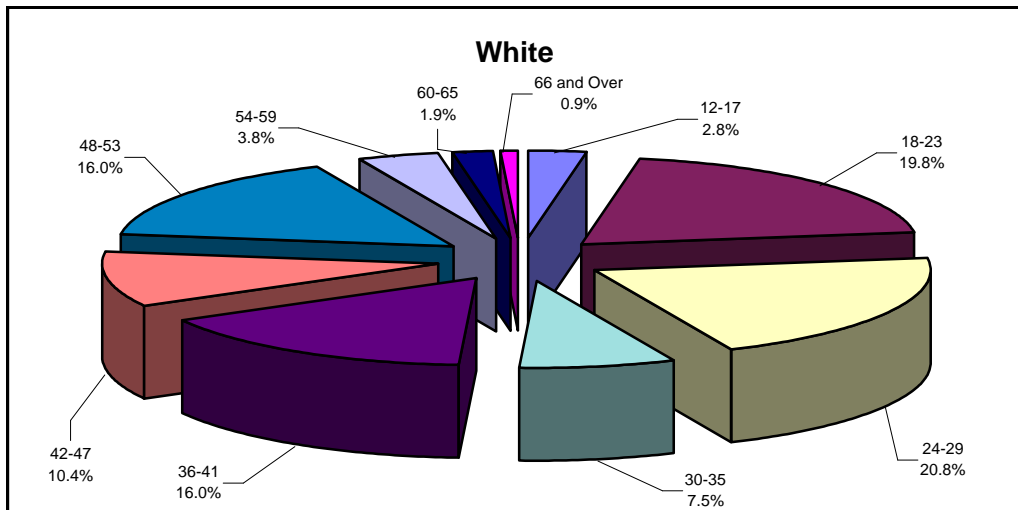
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	1	13	16	3	1	34
18-23	2	29	58	21	3	113
24-29	1	23	60	22	4	110
30-35	3	16	54	8	1	82
36-41	1	13	36	17		67
42-47	1	10	16	11		38
48-53		12	5	17		34
54-59		1	7	4		12
60-65			1	2		3
66 and Over			2	1		3
Total	9	117	255	106	9	496

Of the 505 force incidents, 496 had both age and race data.

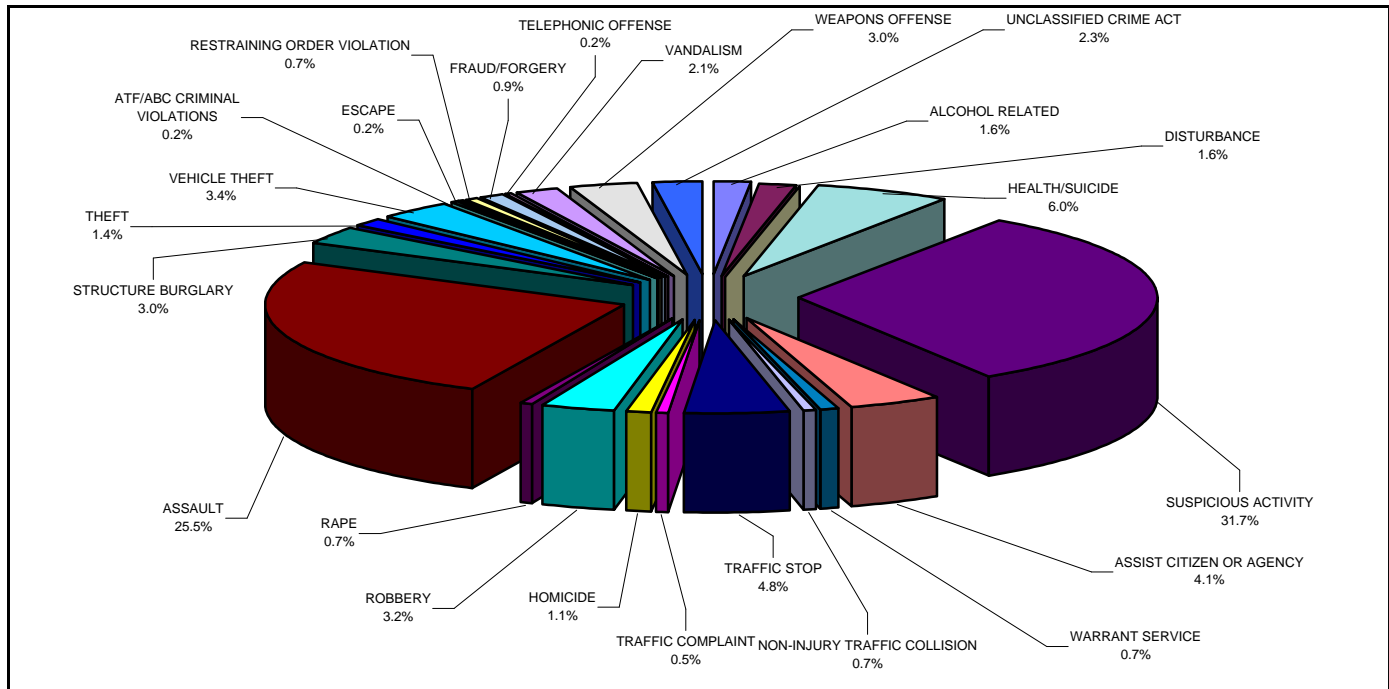
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e. persons from the Pacific Islands, Mid-East, or India.

TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS



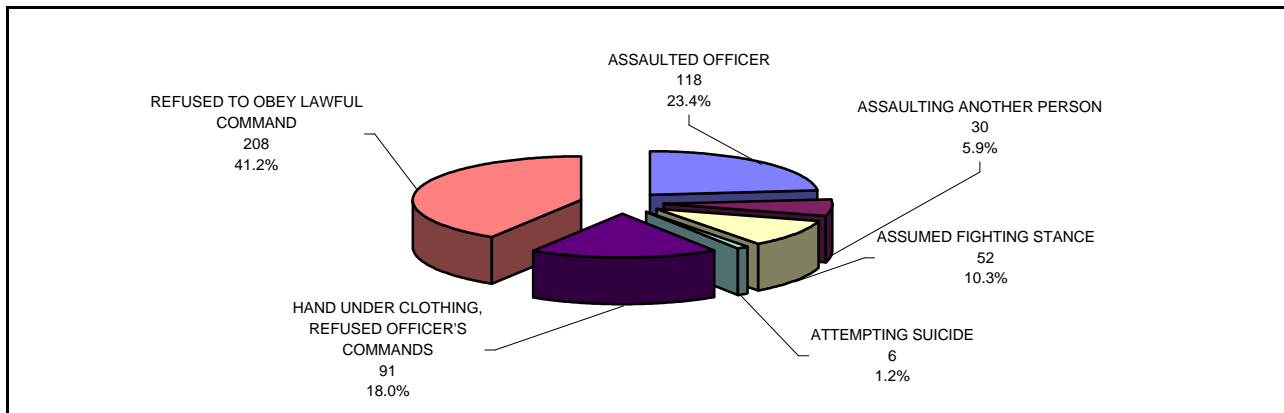
Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	138	69536
ASSAULT	111	7915
NARCOTICS	57	5649
HEALTH/SUICIDE	26	11847
TRAFFIC STOP	21	72538
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	18	13712
VEHICLE THEFT	15	13018
ROBBERY	14	2174
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	13	19300
WEAPONS OFFENSE	13	4429
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	10	2227
VANDALISM	9	5782
ALCOHOL RELATED	7	4545
DISTURBANCE	7	59642
THEFT	6	12084
HOMICIDE	5	97
FRAUD/FORGERY	4	1890
WARRANT SERVICE	3	18743
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	3	8364
RAPE	3	1710
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	3	1794
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	2	18072
MISSING PERSON	1	8797
ATF/ABC CRIMINAL INCIDENT VIOLATIONS	1	49
ESCAPE	1	1
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	1	32
VICE CRIMES	1	923
TELEPHONIC OFFENSE	1	1953

* Vice Crimes refers to acts of illegal gambling, prostitution, etc.

** 11 force incidents had wrong or no clearance codes.

SUSPECT'S ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

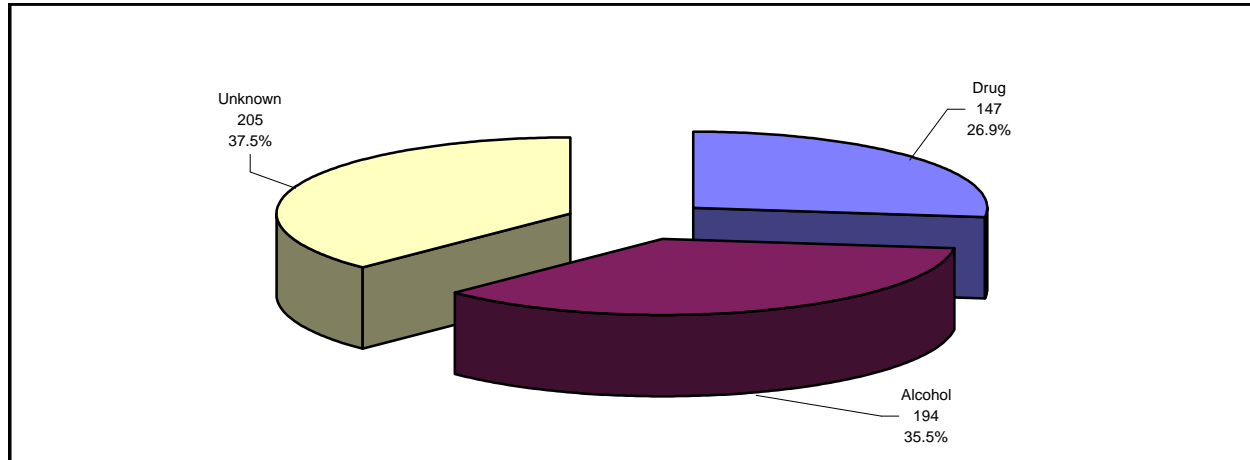
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	41.2%
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	23.4%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	18.0%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	10.3%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	5.9%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	1.2%

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY TYPE OF CFS AND SUSPECT'S ACTION

TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
ALCOHOL RELATED	2	0	0	0	0	5
DISTURBANCE	0	4	1	0	2	0
MISSING PERSON	0	0	0	0	1	0
HEALTH/SUICIDE	2	1	5	4	3	11
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	23	4	21	1	26	63
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	2	0	1	0	2	13
WARRANT SERVICE	0	0	0	0	2	1
NON-INJURY TRAFFIC COLLISION	0	0	0	0	1	2
TRAFFIC STOP	3	0	2	0	4	12
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	2
HOMICIDE	2	0	1	0	1	1
ROBBERY	5	1	1	0	0	7
RAPE	0	0	0	0	1	2
ASSAULT	55	17	9	1	9	20
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1	0	2	0	2	8
THEFT	2	0	0	0	1	3
VEHICLE THEFT	2	0	0	0	3	10
ATF/ABC CRIMINAL INCIDENT VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	1
ESCAPE	1	0	0	0	0	0
RESTRAINING ORDER VIOLATION	0	0	0	0	0	3
FRAUD/FORGERY	1	0	1	0	1	1
NARCOTICS	8	1	3	0	21	24
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0	0	1	0
VICE CRIMES	0	0	0	0	0	1
TELEPHONIC OFFENSE	0	0	1	0	0	0
VANDALISM	3	0	1	0	2	3
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	0	0	0	4	8
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	2	1	1	0	2	4
Total	115	29	50	6	89	205

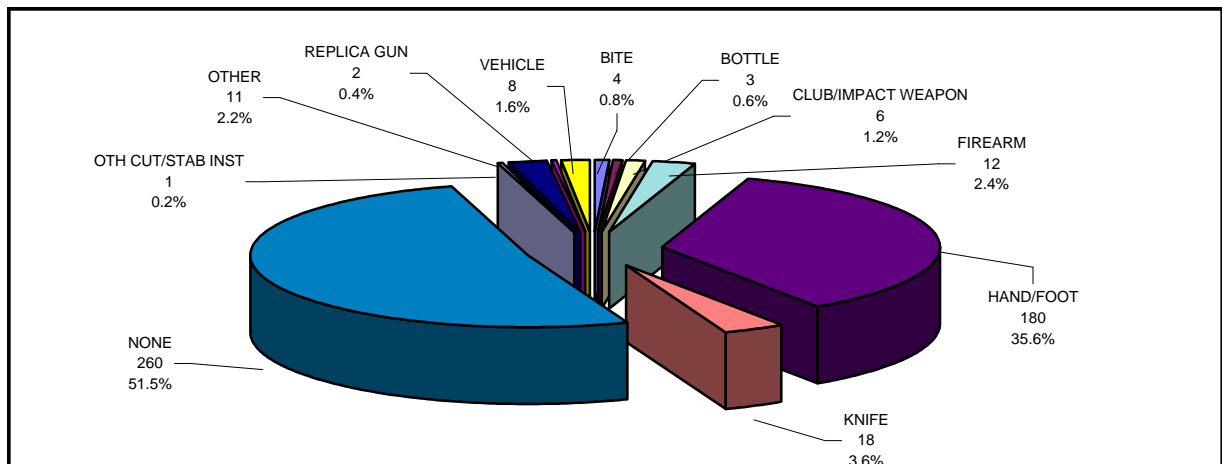
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SUSPECT'S DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



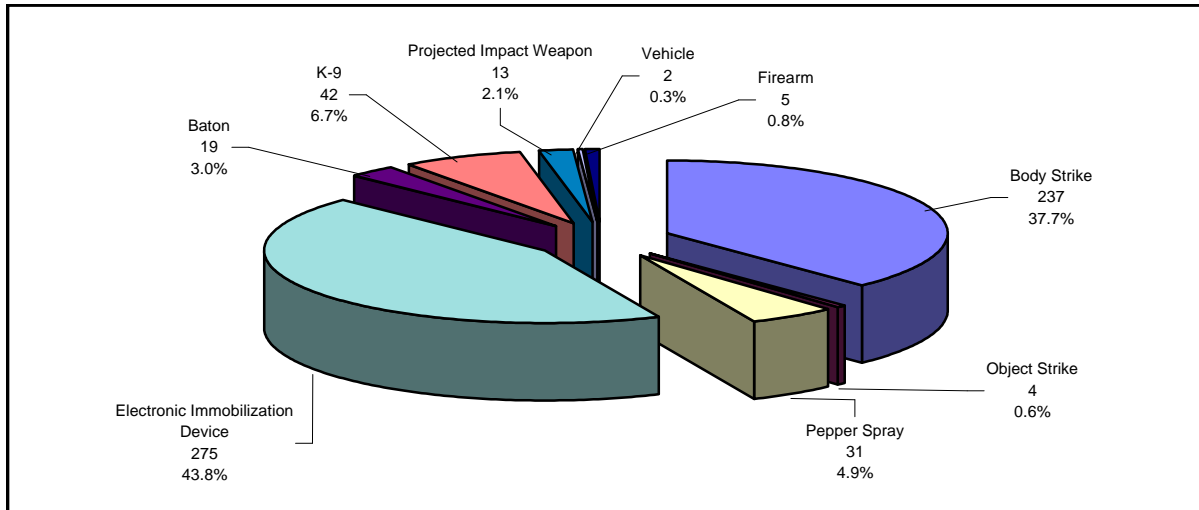
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	NONE	-	51.5%
	HAND/FOOT	-	35.6%
	KNIFE	-	3.6%
	FIREARM	-	2.4%
	OTHER	-	2.2%
	VEHICLE	-	1.6%
	CLUB/IMPACT WEAPON	-	1.2%
	BITE	-	0.8%
	BOTTLE	-	0.6%
	REPLICA GUN	-	0.4%
	OTH CUT/STAB INST	-	0.2%

REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



Some incidents require multiple applications of force to take a suspect into custody or stop an unlawful attack.

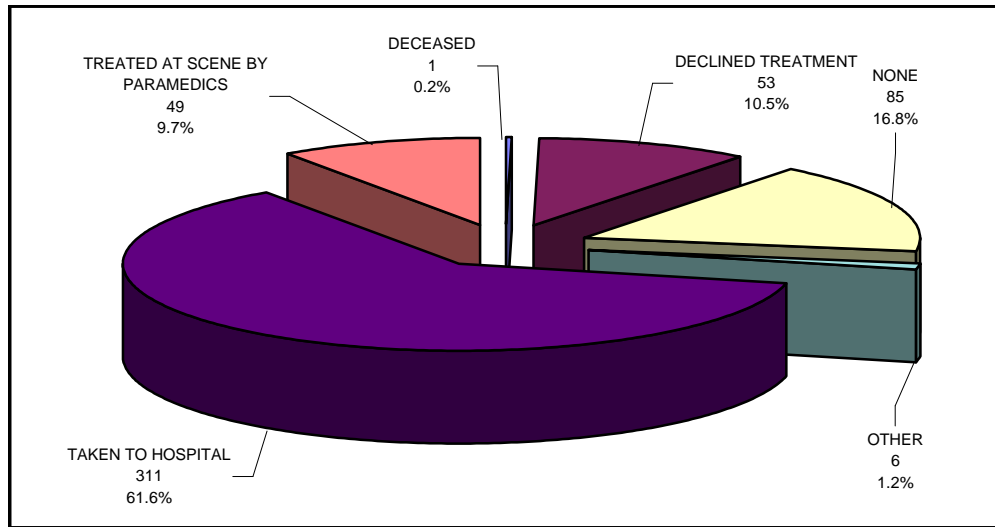
Order by Force:

Electronic Immobilization Device	-	43.8%
Body Strike	-	37.7%
K-9	-	6.7%
Pepper Spray	-	4.9%
Baton	-	3.0%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	2.1%
Firearm	-	0.8%
Object Strike	-	0.6%
Vehicle	-	0.3%

Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

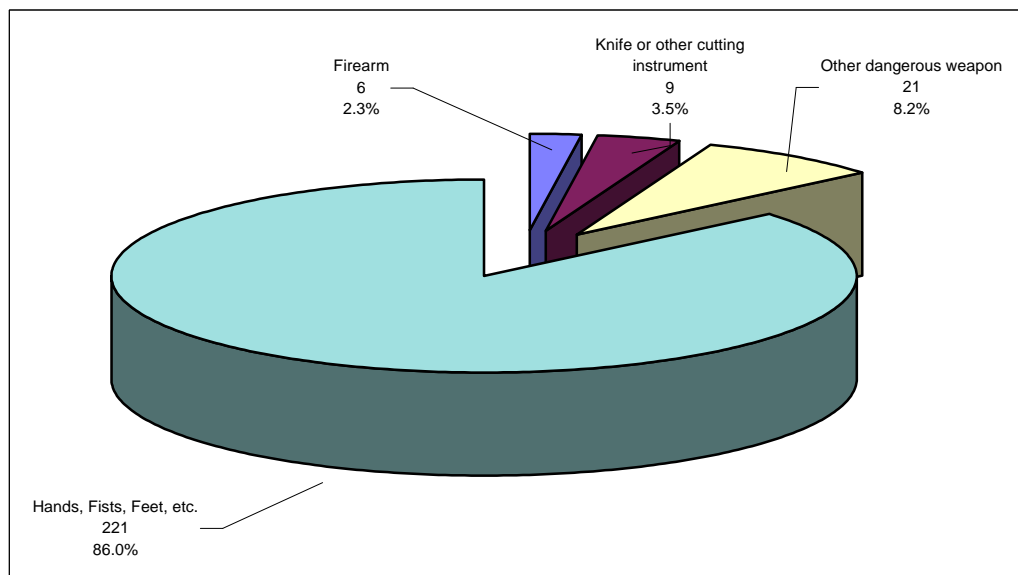
Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



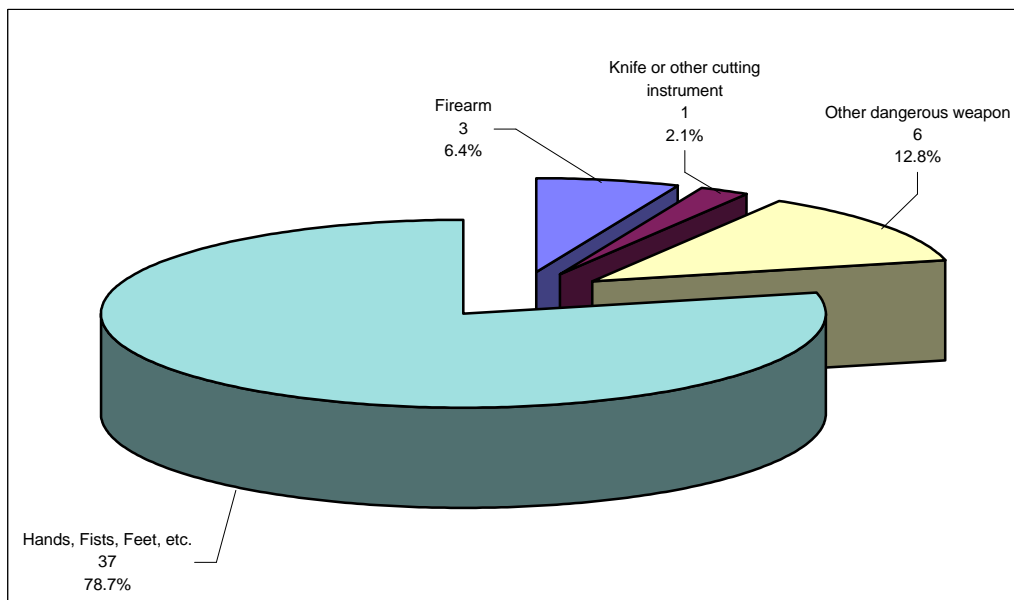
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically provided medical care by on-scene medical personnel or at a hospital.

OFFICER'S ASSAULTED *



257 officers were assaulted.

OFFICER'S INJURED *

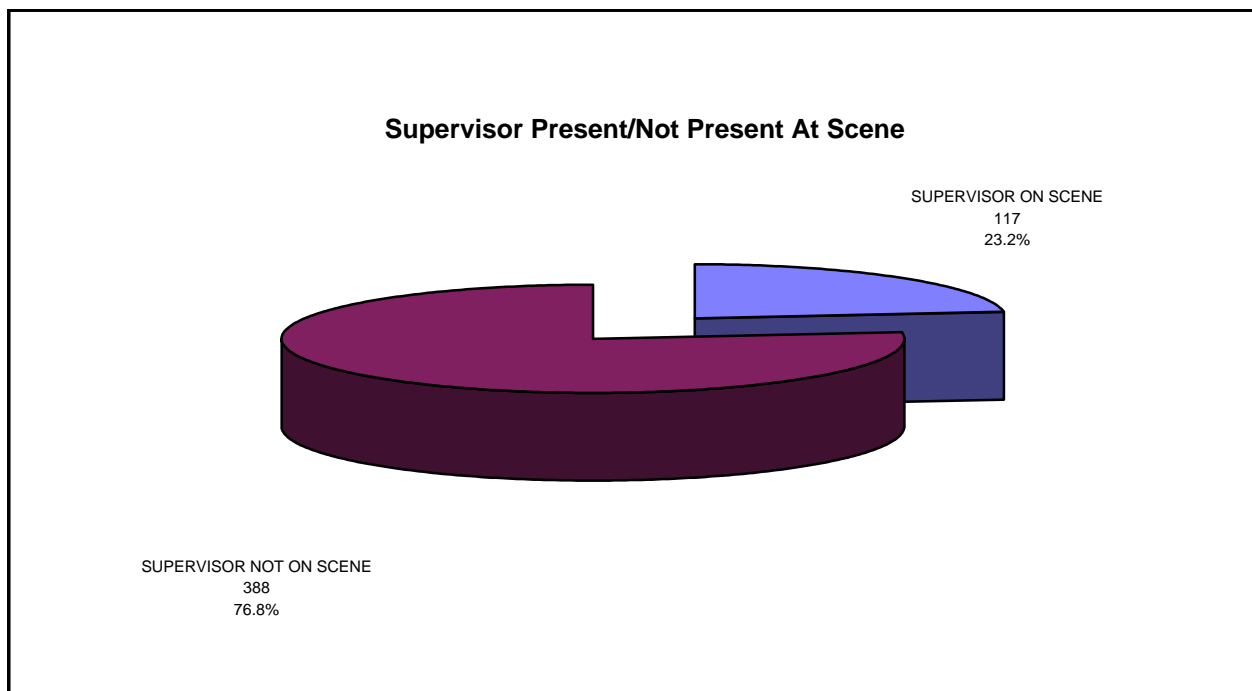


47 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.* **

* Data based on the Year 2006 LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) report. Not all incidents, where an officer was injured, involved a use of reportable force, i.e. the suspect gives up after injuring an officer.

** Due to a change in the review process, reported 2006 LEOKA numbers may be significantly lower than what actually occurred.

SUPERVISOR ON SCENE WHEN REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



A supervisor may be enroute to assist an officer on a call; however, the officer may be required to use reportable force prior to the supervisor's arrival. In these circumstances, the supervisor would be considered "not on scene."

